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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Docket RU-00000A-18-0284 Arizona Energy Rules

Dear Arizona Corporation Commission,

On behalf of Chispa Arizona, a program of the League of Conservation Voters, please accept our comments in support of the Arizona Corporation Commission's Energy Rules.

Chispa Arizona works to grow Latino voices, political power, and civic engagement for a cleaner future in Arizona. This includes the pursuit of policies for healthier, more sustainable communities and to protect our right to a safe environment. Air pollution hurts all Arizonans, and disproportionately impact lower-income families, Latinos, and communities of color through higher rates of respiratory illness and higher energy bills.

Chispa Arizona believes as commissioners you have the right and the responsibility to set energy rules and standards. You were elected statewide and have taken an oath to be representatives of this body. Please uphold your responsibility to Arizona residents and finalize these energy rules.

Our organization, our promotores, and our peers have been monitoring and weighing in via letters to the docket, participating in meetings, and submitting comments for more than two years. The rules before the commission are good for families, our health, our pocketbooks, the environment, business, and for Arizona. We ask you to vote to support these rules.

While we originally supported more aggressive standards and metrics, we stand behind the current Energy Rules and we support them as passed in November 2020. This compromise serves a range of interests – for this reason we see that a variety of impacted stakeholders have endorsed this package. Just a few months ago this proposal was developed with bipartisan support -- we need swift passage and implementation for the benefit of all Arizonans.

These rules are past due. The current standards were set more than thirteen years ago. Technology has evolved and as leaders I urge you to do the same. Policies in our neighboring states are outpacing Arizona by leaps and bounds. Other states that have adopted standards similar to those we are considering and have shown that renewable energy paired with battery storage is affordable, popular, and necessary in our quest to curb emissions and sustain our residents and communities for future generations.

Arizona is at the crossroads of the climate crisis, and communities of color are disproportionately feeling the impact. Rural communities, which are becoming more diverse, are at the forefront of experience heat related deaths. Inaction is deadly and costly for us.

These energy rules set out thoughtful guidance and achievable metrics for reaching zero emissions by 2050. The energy efficiency standards cut energy waste and focus on energy burdened communities. Improved process development of renewable energy and storage, and more transparent resource planning help put us on a sustainable trajectory reflective of community values. Lastly and of great importance, the policy that facilitates just and equitable transition will support impacted communities; to prioritize people and build the renewable energy economies of the future.

We encourage the Arizona Corporation Commission to remember their responsibility to put Arizonans first. Failing to develop standards and metrics will put us behind the curve when we are well-positioned to lead. And it will leave historically marginalized communities further impacted in the face of the growing climate crisis. Research and analysis have shown that clean and renewable energy is good for Arizona, good for our environment, and good for our economy. In addition, it is overwhelmingly supported throughout Arizona.

Please support the energy rules. Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Laura Dent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" and last name "Dent" clearly distinguishable.

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About CHISPA Arizona

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